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SUBJECT: FISHERIES: CANADIAN AIDE-MEMOIRE ON U.S. CATCH IN
QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND

1. EMBOFF WAS CALLED TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THIS MORNING
TO RECEIVE AIDE-MEMOIRE (DATED NOVEMBER 7) EXPRESSING
GOC CONCERN REGARDING SIZEABLE INCREASE IN U.S.
FISHING EFFORT AND CATCH IN QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND
AND REQUESTING ASSURANCES THAT U.S. WILL REDUCE
EFFORT TO PREVIOUS LEVELS.

2. FULL TEXT OF AIDE-MEMORE FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WISHES TO EXPRESS TO
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ITS CONCERN
REGARDING THE SIZEABLE INCREASE WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE
IN THE UNITED STATES EFFORT AND CATCH DURING THE PAST
TWO YEARS WITHIN QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND.

DURING RECENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CANADIAN AND
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES WHICH RESULTED IN THE
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EXTENSION OF THE CANADA-USA RECIPROCAL FISHERIES

AGREEMENT, CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED BY THE HEAD OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION REGARDING THE LEVEL OF UNITED STATES EFFORT AND CATCH IN QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND, AND ASSURANCES WERE RECEIVED THAT THE EFFORT HAD NOT BEEN INCREASED IN THAT AREA. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING THOSE DISCUSSIONS, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT A SHARP INCREASE IN UNITED STATES EFFORT AND CATCH HAS TAKEN PLACE, AS THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS FOR THE MOST RECENT PERIOD, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS, INDICATE: FISHING PERIOD JANUARY TO MAY (INCL.)

	CANADA		U.S.A.	
	EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH	EFFORT	TOTAL CATCH
1971 715	529	2,525	1,213	
1972 734	918	2,855	(1,544)-	ESTIMATED
1973 704	2,042	3,809	(6,415)	

CANADA HAS NOT INCREASED ITS FISHING EFFORT SINCE 1971 BUT YIELD HAS INCREASED BY 285 PERCENT: CURRENT YIELD PER HOUR IS 2,900 POUNDS. THE UNITED STATES HAS INCREASED ITS EFFORT BY 50 PERCENT AND YIELD BY 430 PERCENT; CURRENT YIELD PER HOUR IS 1,700 POUNDS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS AWARE THAT BY ORDER IN COUNCIL P.C. 1964-1112, SOR164-275 JULY 17, 1964, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PROVIDED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF UNITED STATES FISHING IN THE FISHING ZONES ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 4 OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND FISHING ZONES ACT, CHAPTER T7, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1970, AS AMENDED BY THE ACT TO AMEND THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND FISHING ZONES ACT, STATUTES OF CANADA 1969-70, CHAPTER 68. NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE RECIPROCAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON THE BASIS THAT THE STATUS QUO OF FISHERIES OTHER THAN SALMON WOULD BE MAINTAINED, AND SPECIFIC REFERENCE WAS MADE. AND ASSURANCES GIVEN, REGARDING QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND. THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WOULD ACCORDINGLY BE GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSURANCES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT UNITED STATES FISHING EFFORT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND WILL NOT INCREASE, AND THAT THIS EFFORT WILL BE REDUCED TO PREVIOUS LEVELS. END OF TEXT.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: IN PRESENTING AIDE-MEMOIRE, DEPDIR EXTAF LEGAL OPERATIONS (PAUL LAPOINTE) STATED THAT QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND FISHING WAS "MOST SENSITIVE POLITICAL ISSUE" AND URGED A QUICK U.S.

REACTION, SAYING IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY
FISHERIES MINISTER DAVIS. LAPOINTE SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED GOC DESIRE THAT U.S. FISHING EFFORT BE REDUCED
TO 1971 LEVEL. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. ORIGINAL OF AIDE-MEMOIRE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT
(S/FS-COA).
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